

## SEE Members' Allowances Survey 2015 - 2016

Please complete the following four worksheets in our annual Members' Allowances Survey. Please detail the allowances payable for 2015 - 2016.

The deadline for completion is Friday 18th September 2015. We will produce a summary report for those authorities who participated, this report will include a breakdown of data by county, unitary and district. We aim to finalise these reports in October. **Please do not leave any gaps, as they are assumed to mean 'zero' when the information is collated and it causes a problem with the formulae. Please type 'not applicable', 'unknown', '0', or whatever is appropriate. Thank you.**

Please return your completed survey to - [info@seemp.co.uk](mailto:info@seemp.co.uk).

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## Basic Allowances

Council Name	Wokingham Borough Council
Type of Council (County, Unitary or District)	Unitary
Population	154,380
Basic Allowance for 2015/16	7,487
Overall budget for Member Allowances (£)	582,083
Total number of Councillors	54
Percentage of Public Service Discount*, if applicable (%)	N/A
Comments on Basic Allowance	Comprises £500 for out of pocket expenses, £6,487 for time

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### \*Public Service Discount

This is the principle that an important part of being a Councillor is the desire to serve the public and, therefore, not all of what a Councillor does should be remunerated; a portion of their time should be given voluntarily. The consolidated statutory guidance requires Panels to recognise this principle when arriving at the recommended Basic Allowance.

So, for example, if the expectation is that a Councillor will spend nine hours per week in the role, a Public Service Discount of 33% will mean that the Councillor gives three hours '*pro bono publico*' and is remunerated for the remaining six hours.

## Special Responsibilities Allowances

Leader	20,000
Deputy Leader	N/A
Cabinet Member / Portfolio Holder	10,000
Cabinet Member / Non Portfolio Holder	N/A
Chair Audit Committee	2,500
Licensing Committee Chair	2,500
Deputy Chair Licensing Committee	N/A
Members of Licensing Committee	N/A
Planning Committee Chair	5,000
Deputy Chair Planning Committee	N/A
Members of Planning Committee	1,250
Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chair	2,500
Deputy Chair Overview and Scrutiny Committee	N/A
Overview and Scrutiny Co-optee	N/A
Chair / Civic Mayor	7,420
Deputy Chair/ Civic Mayor	1,960
Opposition Group Leader	7,500
Deputy Opposition Leader	N/A
Group Leader	N/A
Opposition Spokesperson	N/A
Committee Chair	1,250

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## Other allowances

Travelling / Mileage (pence per mile)	45p for first 10,000 miles, 25p above that
Bicycle Mileage (pence per mile)	20p
Subsistence allowance	Various allowances for different meals
Carers allowance	£6.50 per hour
IT allowance	£500 (part of basic allowance)
Other allowances	Overnight accommodation agreed prior to booking

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## Extra Information

How are current levels of SRA calculated? Please provide a brief summary (e.g. as a percentage of the Leader's SRA).	Independent Panel decides formula to compare levels of responsibility for roles.
Date current allowances were approved?	18/09/2014
Date of your next review?	In the process of being reviewed
Have your allowances been updated since last year, or frozen?	Updated
Have you established a formula for updating the allowances annually? If yes, please detail.	Independent Remuneration Panel reviews annually
How did you recruit your Independent Remuneration Panellists (did you advertise, if yes, where)?	Advertised in local newspapers
What rate of pay do Independent Remuneration Panellists receive?	£0
Please detail any recent changes to the structure within your authority (including number and / or political persuasion of members involved).	Number of Executive Members reduced from 10 to 8 and Deputy Executive Members increased from 6 to 7. Deputy Executive Members receive £2k per annum
Is the Leader full time? If not, please detail the number of hours worked on average per week.	Unknown
Please detail the number of hours your Cabinet members work on average per week.	21.4
Please detail any significant changes made to SRAs.	None
Please detail the size and composition of your authority's Overview and Scrutiny committee(s) and panels.	Management Committee: 12 members. Children's Services: 8. Community Partnerships: 8. Corporate Services: 8. Health: 10.

**You have now FINISHED!**

**Many thanks for completing the survey, please return the data to [info@seemp.co.uk](mailto:info@seemp.co.uk). The results will be sent out to all those who completed the survey by the end of October 2015.**

Appendix F Spreadsheet with research of other councils.xls

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